

BOOK REVIEW

*Diseases, Pests and Weeds in Tropical Crops.* Jürgen Kranz, Heinz Schmutterer and Werner Koch, eds. John Wiley & Sons, 1978. 666 p. \$61.

This book has been prepared by more than 150 experts, but it appears homogenous because the contributors rigidly followed the same general outline. The volume contains an exhaustive number of fine illustrations, including numerous excellent color plates. The authors have succeeded in providing a text that is brief, readable, and authoritative. The information will be especially useful for those working in tropical Third World nations. Plant protection is emphasized throughout. The important pests and plant diseases are described in a way understandable not only by entomologists and plant pathologists, but also by students in agricultural colleges and lay persons. The work of many contributors has been sponsored by the German Government and a large number of contributors are from Central Europe. The paper as well as the printing and color reproduction, by Saledril Steinkopf & Son in Berlin, Germany, are of high quality. The book provides an important reference source and it belongs in every library in agricultural colleges and universities. There is an adequate subject index. Although the cited references indicate that it took 3-4 years to produce this book from submitted manuscripts, it is nevertheless up-to-date in most instances. The volume constitutes a major contribution to the crop protection literature.

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